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I. BACKGROUND

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The United States of America ("United States"), on behalf of the A. 2 Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), and 3 the State of California Department of Toxic Substances Control ("DTSC"), have filed a complaint in this matter pursuant to Sections 106 and 107 of the 5 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606 and 9607, and Section 7003 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 6973, seeking performance of response actions and reimbursement of response costs incurred and to be incurred for response actions taken at or in connection with the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at the Puente Valley Operable Unit ("PVOU") of the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Site, Area 4, Los Angeles County, California (the "Site"). 13 14

B. This Consent Decree provides for the reimbursement of a portion of the United States' Past Response Costs and a portion of the State DTSC's Past Response Costs at this Site by the following corporate entities: Creftcon Industries; Environmental Lighting for Architecture, Inc.; E.W. Smith Chemical Company; Exide Technologies, Inc. (GNB Batteries, Inc.,); Great Lakes Chemical Corporation (successor to Hydrotech Chemical Corp.); Thatcher Company of California (f/k/a Commerce Chemical Company); Gray Trust Interests (Lawrence S. Gray, Sr. Trust UDT 71180 and Lawrence S. Gray, Jr. Separate Property Trust); Macklanburg-Duncan Company Of California, Inc.; Pneumo Abex LLC (successor to Jensen Kelly Corporation); Oltmans Interests (Oltmans Construction Co., Oltmans Investment Company LLC, Moloney Investment Co., and The Hannah Co.); Ramser Properties (The Ramser Family Trust, Dated September 18, 1989 and The Philip S. Ramser Family Trust, Dated June 29, 1989); Textron, Inc.; Trio Metal Stamping, Inc.; Tropicana Products Inc.; Yort, Inc. (f/k/a Troy Lighting, Inc., successor to Trakliting, Inc.) and JJI Lighting Group, Inc.

- C. By entering into this Consent Decree, Settling Defendants do not admit liability to or arising out of the transactions or occurrences alleged in the Complaint or to any other person related to the Site.
- D. The United States, the State DTSC, and Settling Defendants agree, and this Court by entering this Consent Decree finds, that this Consent Decree has been negotiated by the Parties in good faith, that settlement of this matter will avoid prolonged and complicated litigation between the Parties, and that this Consent Decree is fair, reasonable, and in the public interest.

THEREFORE, with the consent of the Parties to this Decree, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:

II. JURISDICTION

1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1345, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6973, 9606, 9607, and 9613(b), and also has personal jurisdiction over Settling Defendants. Settling Defendants consent to and shall not challenge entry of this Consent Decree or this Court's jurisdiction to enter and enforce this Consent Decree.

III. PARTIES BOUND

2. This Consent Decree is binding upon the United States, the State DTSC, and upon Settling Defendants and their beneficiaries, heirs, successors, and assigns. Any change in ownership or corporate or other legal status, including but not limited to, any transfer of assets or real or personal property, shall in no way alter the status or responsibilities of Settling Defendants under this Consent Decree.

IV. DEFINITIONS

3. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, terms used in this Consent Decree which are defined in CERCLA or in regulations promulgated under CERCLA shall have the meaning assigned to them in CERCLA or in such regulations. Whenever the terms listed below are used in this Consent Decree, the

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- a. "Basin-wide Response Costs" shall mean costs, including but not limited to direct and indirect costs, including accrued Interest, that the United States has paid for basin-wide (non-operable unit) response actions in connection with the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites, Areas 1-4.
- b. "CERCLA" shall mean the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 9601, et seq.
 - c. "Consent Decree" shall mean this Consent Decree.
- d. "Day" shall mean a calendar day. In computing any period of time under this Consent Decree, where the last day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or federal holiday, the period shall run until the close of business of the next working day.
- e. "DOJ" shall mean the United States Department of Justice and any successor departments, agencies, or instrumentalities of the United States.
- f. "DTSC" shall mean the State of California Department of Toxic Substances Control and any successor departments or agencies.
- g. "Effective Date" shall mean the date of entry of this Consent Decree.
- h. "EPA" shall mean the United States Environmental Protection

 Agency and any successor departments, agencies, or instrumentalities of the United

 States.
- i. "EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund" shall mean the Hazardous Substance Superfund established by the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 9507.
- j. "ESD" shall mean the Explanation of Significant Differences issued by EPA on June 14, 2005 for the Record of Decision.
 - k. "Facility" shall mean the Site.

- Thatcher Company of California (f/k/a Commerce Chemical Company); and 24 Tropicana Products, Inc. 25
 - "Paragraph" shall mean a portion of this Consent Decree q. identified by an Arabic numeral or an upper or lower case letter.

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"Parties" shall mean the United States, the State DTSC and the r.

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- s. "Past DTSC Response Costs" shall mean all costs, including but not limited to Oversight Costs, direct and indirect costs, and Basin-wide Response Costs allocated to the Site, including Interest, that the State DTSC has paid or incurred at the Site through and including the date of entry of this Consent Decree.
- t. "Past Response Costs" shall mean all costs, including but not limited to Oversight Costs, direct and indirect costs, and Basin-wide Response Costs allocated to the Site, including Interest, that the United States or any third party has paid or incurred at the Site through and including the date of entry of this Consent Decree.
- u. "Plaintiffs" shall mean the United States and the State of California Department of Toxic Substances Control.
- v. "Record of Decision" or "ROD" shall mean the September 30, 1998 EPA Interim Record of Decision for the Puente Valley Operable Unit (Area 4) of the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites, Areas 1-4.
- w. "Response Work" shall mean the design and implementation of any remedial measures, including the operation and maintenance thereof, encompassed within the Record of Decision as modified by the ESD.
- x. "Section" shall mean a portion of this Consent Decree identified by a Roman numeral.
- "Settling Defendants" shall mean Creftcon Industries; 21 у. Environmental Lighting for Architecture, Inc.; E.W. Smith Chemical Company; 22 Exide Technologies, Inc. (GNB Batteries, Inc.); Great Lakes Chemical Corporation 23 (successor to Hydrotech Chemical Corp.); Thatcher Company of California (f/k/a 24 Commerce Chemical Company); Gray Trust Interests (Lawrence S. Gray, Sr. Trust 25 UDT 71180 and Lawrence S. Gray, Jr. Separate Property Trust); Macklanburg-26 Duncan Company Of California, Inc.; Oltmans Interests (Oltmans Construction 27 Co., Oltmans Investment Company LLC, Moloney Investment Co., and The

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(i) where the Settling Defendant is a corporate entity, its corporate successors; (ii) where the Settling Defendant is a partnership, its partners; (iii) where the Settling Defendant is an individual, that individual's heirs and beneficiaries, but only to the extent that such person or entity within these three categories has no independent liability for the Site other than liability derived from that person's or entity's relationship to or affiliation with the Settling Defendant.

- z. "Site" shall mean the facility, which consists of an area of groundwater contamination in Los Angeles County, California, located in the geographic area designated on the National Priorities List as the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Site, Area 4 [see 49 Fed. Reg. 19480 (1984)], and identified as the Puente Valley Operable Unit.
 - aa. "State" shall mean the State of California.

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bb. "United States" shall mean the United States of America, including its departments, agencies and instrumentalities.

V. REIMBURSEMENT OF RESPONSE COSTS

- 4. Payment to the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund and to the State DTSC. Settling Defendants shall pay to the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund the amount of one million and seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,750,000) in reimbursement of Past Response Costs and pay to the State DTSC twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) in reimbursement of Past DTSC Response Costs. Payment shall be made as follows:
- a. Prior to execution of this Consent Decree, Settling Defendants shall deposit the amount of one million six hundred and fifty-four thousand, three

hundred and twelve dollars (\$1,654,312) into an interest-bearing escrow account in a bank or other financial institution acceptable to the United States and meeting the requirements set forth in Paragraph 4.b. Settling Defendants shall notify the United States of such deposit by forwarding to the DOJ by overnight mail and facsimile transmission, a bank statement demonstrating that the amount of one million six hundred and fifty-four thousand, three hundred and twelve dollars (\$1,654,312) had been so deposited. Notice also shall be forwarded to the DOJ in accordance with Paragraph 29, Section XIII (Notices and Submissions), referencing this Consent Decree and DOJ Case Number 90-11-2-354/20.

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- b. The escrow account and the escrow agent shall be subject to prior approval by the United States. The escrow agreement shall provide that the escrow agent submit to the jurisdiction and venue of this Court. Settling Defendants shall pay all costs, fees, taxes, and charges of the escrow account and these amounts shall not be deducted from monies required to be paid to the United States under this Consent Decree, including the interest on the monies in the escrow account. Settling Defendants shall bear all risk of loss from the escrow account. All funds paid into the escrow account and any interest earned in the account shall remain in escrow and may not be withdrawn by any person, except for the purpose of making payment to the United States or to the State DTSC as required by this Consent Decree, unless Plaintiff United States withdraws its consent to entry of this Consent Decree or the Court declines to enter it, in which case all sums in the escrow account shall be returned to Settling Defendants.
- c. Settling Defendants shall, through the escrow agent and within ten (10) working days after entry of this Consent Decree, remit the principal of the escrowed monies of \$1,642,312, together with any accrued interest thereon, to the United States. Payment to the United States shall be made by FedWire Electronic Funds Transfer ("EFT") to the U.S. Department of Justice in accordance with current EFT procedures, referencing the USAO File Number, EPA Region IX, the

Site/Spill ID Number 09-8V, and DOJ Case Number 90-11-2-354/20. Payment shall be made in accordance with instructions provided to the Settling Defendants by the Financial Litigation Unit of the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California following lodging of the Consent Decree. Any payments received by the Department of Justice after 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time shall be credited on the next business day. Settling Defendants shall send notice to the EPA and the DOJ that payment has been made in accordance with Section XIII (Notices and Submissions) and to David Wood, Section Chief, (PMD-6), U.S. EPA, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105.

The balance of one hundred and seven thousand six hundred d. 10 and eighty-eight dollars (\$107,688) of the one million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollar (\$1,750,000) payment for Past Response Costs for the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund shall be paid to the United States by Settling Defendant Environmental Lighting for Architecture in two installments as follows: (1) a payment of fifty-three thousand eight hundred and forty-four dollars 15 (\$53,844) plus accrued Interest on the outstanding balance from the Effective Date through the date of payment, payable on or before the first anniversary of the date 17 of entry of this Consent Decree; and (2) a payment of fifty-three thousand eight 18 hundred and forty-four dollars (\$53,844) plus accrued Interest on the outstanding balance from the Effective Date through the date of payment, payable on or before the second anniversary of the date of entry of this Consent Decree. Payment to the 21 United States shall be made by FedWire Electronic Funds Transfer ("EFT") to the 22 U.S. Department of Justice in accordance with current EFT procedures, referencing 23 the USAO File Number, EPA Region IX, the Site/Spill ID Number 09-8V, and DOJ Case Number 90-11-2-354/20. Payment shall be made in accordance with 25 instructions provided to Settling Defendant Environmental Lighting for 26 Architecture by the Financial Litigation Unit of the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California following lodging of the Consent Decree.

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Any payments received by the Department of Justice after 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time shall be credited on the next business day. Settling Defendant Environmental Lighting for Architecture shall send notice to the EPA and the DOJ that payment has been made in accordance with Section XIII (Notices and Submissions) and to David Wood, Section Chief, (PMD-6), U.S. EPA, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105.

- e. The one million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$1,750,000) paid by Settling Defendants to the United States shall be deposited in the "San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites, Area 4, Special Account" within the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund. This Special Account shall be retained and used to conduct or finance response actions at or in connection with the Site or the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Sites (Areas 1- 4), or may be transferred by the EPA from this Special Account to the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund.
- f. Settling Defendants shall, through the escrow agent and within ten (10) working days after entry of this Consent Decree, remit the principal of the escrowed monies of \$12,000, together with any accrued interest thereon, to the State DTSC. Payment to the State DTSC shall be made by certified check or cashier's check, made payable to "Cashier of the Department of Toxic Substances Control," Department of Toxic Substances Control, State of California, Accounting Office, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95812. Settling Defendants shall send a transmittal letter with the check, referencing the San Gabriel Superfund Sites, Area 4 (Puente Valley Operable Unit), Project Code No. 300346. Settling Defendants also shall send notice, including a copy of the check and transmittal letter, to the State DTSC as provided in Section XIII (Notices and Submissions).

VI. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS

5. <u>Interest on Late Payments</u>. In the event that any payment required under Section V (Reimbursement of Response Costs) or Section VI, Paragraph 6 (Stipulated Penalties) is not received when due, Interest shall continue to accrue on

the unpaid balance through the date of payment. Settling Defendants shall be
jointly and severally liable for any such Interest pertaining to the payments required
under Section V, paragraphs 4. a. and b. (Reimbursement of Response Costs).

Settling Defendant Environmental Lighting for Architecture additionally shall be
liable for Interest on any payment which is not received as required under
Paragraph 4.d., Section V (Reimbursement of Response Costs), which Interest shall
accrue on the unpaid balance through the date of payment by Settling Defendant
Environmental Lighting for Architecture.

6. Stipulated Penalties.

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a. Settling Defendants shall be jointly and severally liable for stipulated penalties for late payments under Section V, paragraphs 4. a. and b. (Reimbursement of Response Costs) and for the Interest on late payments for Section V, paragraphs 4. a. and b. as required under Section VI, Paragraph 5. Settling Defendant Environmental Lighting for Architecture shall be liable for stipulated penalties for any late payment which is not received as required pursuant to Paragraph 4.d., Section V (Reimbursement of Response Costs), in addition to the Interest on late payments required under Paragraph 5. The stipulated penalties shall be in the following amounts per violation per day that any such payment is late:

Penalty Per Violation Per Day	Period of Noncompliance
\$500	1st through 14th day
\$1500	15th through 30th day
\$2500	31st day and beyond

Each of the payments required under Section V (Reimbursement of Response Costs) shall be considered a separate violation for purposes of calculating stipulated penalties under this provision.

b. Each Settling Defendant shall be liable for stipulated penalties in the amount of \$1500 per day per violation by that Settling Defendant of the

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provisions contained in Sections XI (Access To Information), and XII (Retention of Records).

- 7. All Interest and penalties set forth under this Section shall begin to accrue on the day a violation occurs, and shall continue to accrue through the final day of the correction of the noncompliance. Nothing herein shall prevent the simultaneous accrual of separate penalties for separate violations of this Consent Decree.
- 8. Interest and stipulated penalties shall accrue as provided in Paragraphs 5 and 6, regardless of whether EPA or DTSC has notified Settling Defendants of the violation or made a demand for payment, but need be paid only upon demand.
- Interest and stipulated penalties set forth under this Section shall be 9. 11 due and payable within 30 days of the date of demand for payment by EPA. All payments to the United States under this Paragraph shall be made by certified or cashier's check made payable to the "EPA Hazardous Substances Superfund," shall be forwarded to the U.S. EPA, Region IX, Superfund Accounting, P.O. Box 15 360863M, Pittsburgh, PA 15251, shall indicate that payment is for Interest and/or 16 stipulated penalties, and shall reference EPA Region IX, the Site/Spill Identification Numbers 09-8V, the USAO File Number, the DOJ Case Number 90-11-2-354/20, and the name and address of the party(ies) making payment. Copies of check(s) paid pursuant to this Paragraph, and any accompanying transmittal letter(s), shall be forwarded to the DOJ and the EPA as provided in Section XIII 21 (Notices and Submissions), and to David Wood, Section Chief, (PMD-6), U.S. 22 EPA, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105. Payment 23 to the State DTSC under this Paragraph shall be made by certified check or cashier's check, made payable to "Cashier of the Department of Toxic Substances" 25 Control," and shall be forwarded to the Department of Toxic Substances Control, 26 State of California, Accounting Office, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 27 95812. Settling Defendants shall send a transmittal letter with the check, 28

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- referencing the San Gabriel Superfund Sites, Area 4 (Puente Valley Operable Unit), Project Code No. 300346. Settling Defendants also shall send notice, including a copy of the check and transmittal letter, to the State DTSC as provided in Section XIII (Notices and Submissions).
- 10. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the United States and/or the State DTSC may, in its unreviewable discretion, waive any portion of Interest or stipulated penalties that have accrued pursuant to this Consent Decree.
- 11. Payments made under Paragraphs 5 through 9 shall be in addition to any other remedies or sanctions available to Plaintiffs by virtue of any Settling Defendant's failure to comply with the requirements of this Consent Decree.
- 12. If the United States and/or the State DTSC brings an action against any Settling Defendant(s) to enforce this Consent Decree, such Settling Defendant(s) shall reimburse the United States and/or the State DTSC for all costs of such action, including but not limited to costs of attorney time.

VII. COVENANT NOT TO SUE BY PLAINTIFFS

13. Covenant Not to Sue. Except as specifically provided in Paragraph 14 16 (Reservation of Rights), and except with regard to Settling Defendant Exide 17 Technologies, Inc. (GNB Batteries, Inc.), Plaintiffs covenant not to sue or to take 18 administrative action against Settling Defendants for performance of Response 19 Work, Past Response Costs, Future Response Costs, Past DTSC Response Costs, and Future DTSC Response Costs, pursuant to Section 7003 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6973, or Sections 106 and 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606 and 9607(a). 22 This covenant shall take effect upon receipt by Plaintiffs of the payments set forth 23 in Paragraph 4. This covenant is conditioned upon Settling Defendants' 24 satisfactory performance of their obligations under this Consent Decree. This 25 covenant extends only to Settling Defendants other than Settling Defendant Exide 26 Technologies, Inc. (GNB Batteries, Inc.), and does not extend to any other person. 27 Settling Defendant Environmental Lighting for Architecture's covenant is further

- conditioned upon its satisfactory performance of its obligations under Paragraph 4.

 d. of this Consent Decree. Except as specifically provided in Paragraph 14

 (Reservation of Rights), with regard to Settling Defendant Exide Technologies,

 Inc. (GNB Batteries, Inc.), Plaintiffs covenant not to sue or to take administrative action against Defendant Exide Technologies, Inc. (GNB Batteries, Inc.) for

 Future Response Costs and Future DTSC Response Costs, pursuant to Section

 7003 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6973, or Sections 106 and 107(a) of CERCLA, 42

 U.S.C. §§ 9606 and 9607(a) related to the GNB Battery facility located at 14500

 Nelson Avenue, City of Industry, California, 91744.
 - 14. Reservation of Rights. The covenant not to sue set forth in Paragraph 13 does not pertain to any matters other than those expressly specified therein. The Plaintiffs reserve, and this Consent Decree is without prejudice to, all rights against Settling Defendants with respect to other matters, including but not limited to:
 - a. liability for failure by any Settling Defendant(s) to meet a requirement of this Consent Decree;
 - b. liability for damages for injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources, and for the costs of any natural resource damage assessments;
 - c. criminal liability; and

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d. liability for response actions and response costs incurred or to be incurred by the United States and/or DTSC not covered as "matters addressed" as set forth in Paragraph 18 of this Consent Decree, including liability for response actions and response costs for any EPA Final Record of Decision issued pertaining to the Site.

VIII. COVENANT NOT TO SUE BY SETTLING DEFENDANTS

15. Settling Defendants covenant not to sue and agree not to assert any claims or causes of action against Plaintiffs or their contractors or employees with respect to Response Work, Past Response Costs, Future Response Costs, Past DTSC Response Costs, and Future DTSC Response Costs, as set forth in this

Consent Decree, including but not limited to:

- a. any direct or indirect claims for reimbursement from the Hazardous Substance Superfund based on Sections 106(b)(2), 107, 111, 112, or 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606(b)(2), 9607, 9611, 9612, or 9613, or any other provision of law;
- b. any claims arising out of costs or response actions at or in connection with the Site, including any claim under the United States Constitution, the California Constitution, the Tucker Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1491, the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, as amended, or at common law; and
- c. any claims against the United States pursuant to Sections 107 and 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607 and 9613, related to the Site.

Settling Defendants covenant not to sue each other for claims or causes of action concerning Response Work, Past Response Costs, Future Response Costs, Past DTSC Response Costs, and Future DTSC Response Costs, as set forth in this Consent Decree. Remedial investigation and feasibility study costs are included within those claims and actions about which Settling Defendants' have covenanted not to sue each other.

16. Nothing in this Consent Decree shall be deemed to constitute approval or preauthorization of a claim within the meaning of Section 111 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9611, or 40 C.F.R. § 300.700(d).

IX. EFFECT OF SETTLEMENT/CONTRIBUTION PROTECTION

- 17. Nothing in this Consent Decree shall be construed to create any rights in, or grant any cause of action to, any person not a Party to this Consent Decree. Each of the Parties expressly reserves any and all rights (including, but not limited to, any right to contribution), defenses, claims, demands, and causes of action which each Party may have with respect to any matter, transaction, or occurrence relating in any way to the Site against any person not a Party hereto.
 - 18. The Parties agree that in consideration of the payment made by

for contribution brought by it for matters related to this Consent Decree, it will notify the DOJ, the EPA, and the State DTSC in writing not later than sixty (60) days prior to the initiation of such suit or claim. Each Settling Defendant also agrees that, with respect to any suit or claim for contribution brought against it for matters related to this Consent Decree, it will notify the DOJ, EPA, and the State DTSC in writing within ten (10) days of service of the complaint or claims upon it.

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In addition, each Settling Defendant shall notify the DOJ, EPA, and the State

DTSC within ten (10) days of service or receipt of any motion for summary

judgment or any order from a court setting a case for trial, for matters related to this

Consent Decree.

20. In any subsequent administrative or judicial proceeding initiated by the United States or the State of California for injunctive relief, recovery of response costs, or other relief relating to the Site, Settling Defendants shall not assert, and may not maintain, any defense or claims based upon the principles of waiver, res judicata, collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim-splitting, or other defenses based upon any contention that the claims raised by the United States or the State of California in the subsequent proceeding were or should have been brought in the instant case; provided, however, that nothing in this Paragraph affects the enforceability of the Covenant Not to Sue by Plaintiffs set forth in Section VII.

X. SITE ACCESS

- Owner Settling Defendant agrees to provide the United States and the State of California and their representatives, including the EPA, the DTSC, and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, and their contractors, access at all reasonable times to the property within the Site owned or controlled by that Owner Settling Defendant to which access is determined by the EPA or the State of California to be required for the implementation of this Consent Decree, or for the purpose of conducting any response activity related to the Site, including but not limited to:
- a. Monitoring of investigation, removal, remedial or other activities at the Site;
- b. Verifying any data or information submitted to the United States or the State of California;

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- c. Conducting investigations relating to contamination at or near the Site;
 - d. Obtaining samples;
 - e. Assessing the need for, planning, or implementing response actions at or near the Site; and
 - f. Inspecting and copying records, operating logs, contracts, or other documents maintained or generated by Settling Defendants or their agents, consistent with Section XI (Access to Information).
 - 22. Notwithstanding any provision of this Consent Decree, the United States and the State of California retain all of their access authorities and rights, including enforcement authorities related thereto, under CERCLA, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6927, and any other applicable statutes or regulations.

XI. ACCESS TO INFORMATION

- 23. Settling Defendants shall provide to Plaintiffs, upon request, copies of all documents and information within their possession or control or that of their contractors or agents relating in any manner to response actions taken at the Site or the liability of any person for response actions conducted and to be conducted at the Site, including, but not limited to, sampling, analysis, chain of custody records, manifests, trucking logs, receipts, reports, sample traffic routing, correspondence, or other documents or information related to the Site.
 - 24. Confidential Business Information and Privileged Documents.
- a. Settling Defendants may assert business confidentiality claims covering part or all of the documents or information submitted to Plaintiffs under this Consent Decree to the extent permitted by and in accordance with Section 104(e)(7) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e)(7), and 40 C.F.R. § 2.203(b). Documents or information determined to be confidential by Plaintiffs will be accorded the protection specified in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. If no claim of

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- confidentiality accompanies documents or information when they are submitted to the Plaintiffs, or if Plaintiffs have notified Settling Defendants that the documents or information are not confidential under the standards of Section 104(e)(7) of CERCLA, the public may be given access to such documents or information without further notice to Settling Defendants.
- Settling Defendants may assert that certain documents, records b. or other information are privileged under the attorney-client privilege, any other privilege recognized by federal law. If Settling Defendants assert such a privilege in lieu of providing documents, they shall provide Plaintiff with the following: 1) the title of the document, record, or information; 2) the date of the document, record, or information; 3) the name and title of the author of the document, record, or information; 4) the name and title of each addressee and recipient; 5) a description of the subject of the document, record or information; and 6) the privilege asserted. However, no documents, reports, or other information created or generated pursuant to the requirements of this or any other consent decree with Plaintiffs shall be withheld on the grounds that they are privileged. If a claim of privilege applies only to a portion of a document, the document shall be provided to Plaintiffs in redacted form to mask the privileged information only. Settling Defendants shall retain all records and documents that they claim to be privileged until Plaintiffs have had a reasonable opportunity to dispute the privilege claim and any such dispute has been resolved in the Settling Defendants' favor.
- 25. No claim of confidentiality shall be made with respect to any data, including but not limited to, all sampling, analytical, monitoring, hydrogeologic, scientific, chemical, or engineering data, or any other documents or information evidencing conditions at or around the Site.

XII. RETENTION OF RECORDS

26. Until ten (10) years after the entry of this Consent Decree, each Settling Defendant shall preserve and retain all records and documents now in its

possession or control, or which come into its possession or control thereafter, that relate in any manner to response actions taken at the Site or the liability of any person for response actions conducted and to be conducted at the Site, regardless of any corporate retention policy to the contrary. After five (5) years, each Settling Defendant may contact the EPA in writing to request instructions as to whether such records and documents shall be maintained for the remaining five (5) year retention period, or whether such records and documents may be discarded. No retained records or documents shall be disposed of prior to the ten year retention period, unless a Settling Defendant receives instructions from the EPA specifically permitting that Settling Defendant to dispose of such records and documents.27.

After the conclusion of the ten (10) year document retention period in the preceding Paragraph, Settling Defendants shall notify the EPA and the DOJ at least ninety (90) days prior to the destruction of any such records or documents, and, upon request by the EPA or the DOJ, Settling Defendants shall deliver any such records or documents to EPA subject to the same privilege provisions set forth in Section XI (Access To Information).

28. By signing this Consent Decree, each Settling Defendant certifies individually that, after thorough inquiry, to the best of its knowledge and belief, it has not altered, mutilated, discarded, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of any records, documents, or other information relating to its potential liability regarding the Site, after notification of potential liability or the filing of a suit against the Settling Defendant regarding the Site; and that it has fully complied with any and all EPA requests for information regarding the Site pursuant to Section 104(e) and 122(e) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9604(e) and 9622(e), and Section 3007 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6927.

XIII. NOTICES AND SUBMISSIONS

29. Whenever, under the terms of this Consent Decree, notice is required to be given or a document is required to be forwarded by one party to another, it

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See Attorneys and Pro Se for Defendants, listed at the beginning of this document.

Any Settling Defendant may change the identity or contact information for its agent at any time by written notice to the Court and to the United States. Each Settling Defendant hereby waives notice of any such changes submitted by other Settling Defendants.

XIV. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

30. This Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter for the purpose of interpreting and enforcing the terms of this Consent Decree.

XV. INTEGRATION

31. This Consent Decree constitutes the final, complete and exclusive agreement and understanding among the Parties with respect to the settlement embodied in this Consent Decree. The Parties acknowledge that there are no representations, agreements or understandings relating to the settlement other than those expressly contained in this Consent Decree.

XVI. LODGING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

- 32. This Consent Decree shall be lodged with the Court for a period of not less than thirty (30) days for public notice and comment. The United States reserves the right to withdraw or withhold its consent if the comments regarding the Consent Decree disclose facts or considerations which indicate that this Consent Decree is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. Settling Defendants consent to the entry of this Consent Decree without further notice.
- 33. If for any reason this Court should decline to approve this Consent Decree in the form presented, this agreement is voidable at the sole discretion of any party and the terms of the agreement may not be used as evidence in any litigation between the Parties.

XVII. EFFECTIVE DATE

34. The Effective Date of this Consent Decree shall be the date upon

XVIII. SIGNATORIES/SERVICE

- 35. Each undersigned representative of a Settling Defendant to this Consent Decree, the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the United States Department of Justice, and the Deputy Attorney General and Chief of Operations, Southern California Cleanup Operations Branch Cypress Office, together, for the State of California, certifies that he or she is authorized to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Decree and to execute and bind legally such Party to this document.
- 36. Each Settling Defendant hereby agrees not to oppose entry of this Consent Decree by this Court or to challenge any provision of this Consent Decree, unless the United States has notified Settling Defendants in writing that it no longer supports entry of the Consent Decree.
- 37. Each Settling Defendant shall identify, on the attached signature page, the name and address of an agent who is authorized to accept service of process by mail on behalf of that Party with respect to all matters arising under or relating to this Consent Decree. If no agent is specified, the attorneys and Pro Se for Defendants listed at the beginning of this document shall be deemed to be the agent authorized to accept service at the address listed. Settling Defendants hereby agree to accept service in that manner and to waive the formal service requirements set forth in Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and any applicable local rules of this Court, including but not limited to, service of a summons.

XIX. FINAL JUDGMENT

38. Upon approval and entry of this Consent Decree by this Court, this Consent Decree shall constitute a final judgment between and among the United States, the State of California DTSC, and Settling Defendants. The Court finds that there is no just reason for delay and therefore enters this judgment as the final judgment under Fed. R. Civ. P. 54 and 58.

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9	Macklanburg-Duncan Company of California, Inc. P.O. Box 25188
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Dated: 3

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Environmental, Health & Safety Exide Technologies, Inc.

13000 Deerfield Parkway, Building 200 Alpharetta, GA 30004-8532 Telephone: (678) 566-9280 Telecopier: (678) 566-9638

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6	JJI LIGHTING GROUP, INC.
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8	Dated: 4/23/07 JAMES F. HAWORTH
9	President and General Manager III Lighting Group, Inc.
10	l 1500 Melrose Avenue Franklin Park, Illinois 60131
11	Telephone: 847-916-8100 Telecopier: 847-455-0954
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9	Barry J. Shairman Vice President and Secretary Great Lakes Chemical Corporation 199 Benson Road
10	Great Lakes Chemical Corporation 199 Benson Road
11	Middlebury, CT 06749 Telephone: 203-573-2000
12	Telecopier: 203-573-3118
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10		Murrieta, CA 92562 Telephone: 951-677-3978
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15		The Philip S. Ramser Family Trust, Dated June 29, 1989 Philip Ramser Sr. and Patricia M. Ramser, Co-Trustees
16		1529 Lincoln Lane Newport Beach, CA 92661
17		Telephone: (H) 949-642-8808; (O) 949-475-4007 Telecopier: (O) 949-475-4009
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(f/k/a COMMERCE CHEMICAL COMPANY)

Dated: Nov. 20, 2007	CRAIG N./THATCHER Thatcher Company of California (f/k/a Commerce Chemical Company) 1905 Fortune Road PO Box 27407 Salt Lake City, UTAH 84127 Telephone: 801-972-4587 Ext. 1440 Telecopier: 801-972-4606
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6	FOR TRIO METAL STAMPING, INC.
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8	Dated: 6-01-07
9	Trio Metal Stamping, Inc.
10	President 15318 East Proctor Avenue
11	City of Industry, CA 91745 Telephone: (626) 336-1228 Telecopier: (626) 336-2130
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14	Name and address of agent authorized to receive service of process pursuant to
15	Paragraph 37:
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4	FOR OLTMANS INTEREST (Oltmans Construction Co., Oltmans Investment Company LLC, Moloney Investment Co., and The
5 6	Hannah Cb.) Dated: 5-22-07
7 8 9	Oltmans Construction Co., a California general partnership J.O. Oltmans II, Chairman and CEO 10005 Mission Mill Road Whittien CA 90601
10 11	Te lephone: 562-948-4242 Fax: 562-695-2939
12 13	Dated: 5-22-07 Oltmans Investment Company LLC, a Delaware limited liability company J.O. Oltmans II, Chairman and CEO 10005 Mission Mill Road
14 15	Whittier, CA 90601 Telephone: 562-948-4242 Fax: 562-695-2939
16 17 18	Dated: 5/24/07 Moloney Investment Co., a California general partnership Louanne Holland, Managing General Partner 342 Sterling Road
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